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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An animal bed comprising a removable encasing and a cushioning core; said removable encasing having a top surface and a bottom surface, a face textile with an exterior surface and an interior surface, and an odor receiving layer permanently disposed on the interior surface of the face textile in a configuration that covers at least the entire top surface of the removable encasing; and said cushioning core located adjacent to the odor receiving layer permanently disposed on the interior surface of the face textile.
2. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 1, wherein said odor receiving layer comprises an absorbing agent.
3. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 1, wherein said odor receiving layer comprises an adsorbing agent.
4. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 3, wherein said odor adsorbing agent comprises activated charcoal.
5. (Previously Presented) The animal bed encasing according to Claim 4, wherein said activated charcoal has a about a 100 x 150 particle screened size, and is distributed on the interior surface of the face textile at a rate of from about 1.5 ounces per square yard to about 3 ounces per square yard.

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6. (Previously Presented): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 4, wherein said odor receiving layer includes an adhesive.
7. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 6, wherein said adhesive is a hot melt adhesive.
8. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 7, wherein said hot melt adhesive is a film securing the activated charcoal against the interior surface of said textile.
9. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 1, further including a backing material disposed adjacent to the odor adsorbing layer.
10. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 9, wherein said backing material comprises a backing textile.
11. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 10, wherein the backing textile comprises a point bonded nonwoven material.
12. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 9, wherein said backing material comprises a film.

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13. (Original): The animal bed encasing according to Claim 1, wherein the film of said backing material comprises a low density polyester film.

14. (Currently Amended): An animal bed comprising a removable encasing and a cushioning core; said removable encasing having a top surface and a bottom surface, a face textile with an exterior surface and an interior surface, an odor receiving layer permanently disposed on the interior surface of the face textile in a configuration that covers at least the entire top surface of the removable encasing; said odor receiving layer including:

activated charcoal;

adhesive; and

a backing material disposed adjacent to the odor receiving layer;

and said cushioning core located adjacent to the odor receiving layer permanently disposed on the interior surface of the face textile, wherein the adhesive extends in covering bonding relation between the backing material and the activated charcoal.

15. (New): The invention as recited in claim 14, wherein the adhesive is a film adhesive.

16. (New): The invention as recited in claim 14, wherein the backing material is a textile.

17. (New): The invention as recited in claim 14, wherein the backing material is a film.

18. (New): The invention as recited in claim 17, wherein said film is a multi-layer film.

19. (New): The invention as recited in claim 17, wherein said film is a polyethylene film.